



# Council

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**Wednesday 5 March 2025**  
**2.00 p.m.**

**Rotherham**  
Metropolitan  
Borough Council



# WELCOME TO TODAY'S MEETING

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## GUIDANCE FOR THE PUBLIC

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The Council is composed of 59 Councillors, who are democratically accountable to the residents of their ward.

The Council Meeting is chaired by the Mayor, who will ensure that its business can be carried out efficiently and with regard to respecting the rights and responsibilities of Councillors and the interests of the community. The Mayor is the Borough's first citizen and is treated with respect by the whole Council, as should visitors and member of the public.

All Councillors meet together as the Council. Here Councillors decide the Council's overall policies and set the budget each year. The Council appoints its Leader, Mayor and Deputy Mayor and at its Annual Meeting will appoint Councillors to serve on its committees.

Copies of the agenda and reports are available on the Council's website at [www.rotherham.gov.uk](http://www.rotherham.gov.uk). You may not be allowed to see some reports because they contain private information and these will be marked accordingly on the agenda.

Members of the public have the right to ask questions or submit petitions to Council meetings. A member of the public may ask one general question in person which must be received in writing to the Chief Executive by 10.00 a.m. on the Friday preceding a Council meeting on the following Wednesday and must not exceed sixty words in length. Questions can be emailed to [governance@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:governance@rotherham.gov.uk)

Council meetings are recorded and streamed live or subsequently uploaded to the Council's website. At the start of the meeting the Mayor will confirm if the meeting is being filmed. You would need to confirm your wish not to be filmed to Democratic Services. Recording of the meeting by members of the public is also allowed.

Council meetings are open to the public, but occasionally the Council may have to discuss an item in private. If this occurs you will be asked to leave.

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## FACILITIES

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There are public toilets, one of which is designated disabled with full wheelchair access, with full lift access to all floors. Induction loop facilities are also available in the Council Chamber, John Smith Room and Committee Rooms 1 and 2.

Access for people with mobility difficulties can be obtained via the ramp at the main entrance to the Town Hall.

If you have any queries on this agenda, please contact:-

Contact:- Emma Hill, Head of Democratic Services  
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# COUNCIL

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Wednesday 5 March 2025 at 2.00 p.m.

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THE MAYOR (Councillor Sheila Cowen)  
DEPUTY MAYOR (Councillor Rukhsana Ismail)

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE (Sharon Kemp OBE)

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## MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

### ANSTON AND WOODSETTS

BAUM-DIXON, Timothy J.  
BLACKHAM, John M.  
TARMEY, Drew S.

### ASTON AND TODWICK

ALLEN, Sarah A.  
BACON, Joshua

### AUGHTON AND SWALLOWNEST

PITCHLEY, Lyndsay  
TAYLOR, Robert P.

### BOSTON CASTLE

ALAM, Saghir  
HUSSAIN, Ashiq  
YASSEEN, Taiba K.

### BRAMLEY AND RAVENFIELD

DUNCAN, Elizabeth J.  
REYNOLDS, Gregory

### BRINSWORTH

CARTER, Adam J.  
CARTER, Charlotte R.

### DALTON AND THRYBERGH

BENNETT-SYLVESTER, Michael D.P.  
RYALLS, Jodie

### DINNINGTON

CLARKE, Amanda M.  
CASTLEDINE-DACK, Sophie  
HALL, Julia

### GREASBROUGH

BERESFORD, Linda J.  
ELLIOTT, Robert W.

### HELLABY AND MALTBY WEST

BALL, Simon A.  
STABLES, Lynda J.

### HOOBER

BRENT, Rajmund E.  
LELLIOTT, Denise  
WILLIAMS, John

### KEPPEL

CURRIE, Simon  
FOSTER, Carole  
GARNETT, Gillian S.

### KILNHURST AND SWINTON (EAST)

CUSWORTH, Victoria  
HARPER, Nigel

### MALTBY EAST

SUTTON, Donna E.  
TINSLEY, Adam J.

### RAWMARSH EAST

HUGHES, Rachel E.M.  
SHEPPARD, David

### RAWMARSH WEST

BAKER-ROGERS, Joanna  
STEELE, Brian

### ROTHER VALE

ADAIR, Terry  
BAGGALEY, Jamie

### ROTHERHAM EAST

AHMED, Angham S.T.  
ISMAIL, Rukhsana B.  
RASHID, Haroon

### ROTHERHAM WEST

JONES, Ian P.  
KEENAN, Eve  
MCKIERNAN, Cameron D.P.

### SITWELL

BOWER, Michael A.  
FISHER, David F.  
THORP, Paul S.

### SWINTON ROCKINGHAM

MONK, Gina  
READ, Chris

### THURCROFT & WICKERSLEY

COLLINGHAM, Zachary A.  
COLLINGHAM, Thomas R.

### WALES

BECK, Dominic E.  
HAVARD, Marnie A.

### WATH

COWEN, Sheila A.  
JACKSON, David R.

### WICKERSLEY NORTH

KNIGHT, Stuart  
MARSHALL, Lynda  
MAULT, James J.

# Council Meeting Agenda

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**Time and Date:-**

Wednesday 5 March 2025 at 2.00 p.m.

**Venue:-**

Town Hall, The Crofts, Moorgate Street, Rotherham. S60 2TH

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**1. Announcements**

To consider any announcements by the Mayor in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 3(2)(ii).

**2. Apologies for Absence**

To receive the apologies of any Member who is unable to attend the meeting.

**3. Minutes of the previous Council Meeting (Pages 7 - 93)**

To receive the record of proceedings of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2025, and to approve the accuracy thereof.

**4. Petitions**

To report on any petitions received by the Council and receive statements in support of petitions in accordance with Petitions Scheme and Council Procedure Rule 13.

**5. Declarations of Interest**

To invite Councillors to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or personal interests they may have in any matter which is to be considered at this meeting, to confirm the nature of those interests and whether they intend to leave the meeting for the consideration of the item.

**6. Public Questions**

To receive questions from members of the public who may wish to ask a general question of the Mayor, Cabinet Member or the Chairman of a Committee in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.

**7. Exclusion of the Press and Public**

Should it be necessary, in the opinion of the Mayor, to consider excluding the press and public from the meeting in relation to any items of urgent business on the grounds that private information is likely to be divulged.

**8. Leader of the Council's Statement**

To receive a statement from the Leader of the Council in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.

**9. Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting (Pages 95 - 129)**

To note the minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January and 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2025.

**10. Recommendation from Cabinet - Budget and Council Tax 2025-26 and Medium Term Financial Strategy (Pages 131 - 395)**

To consider and approve the recommendation from Cabinet – Budget and Council Tax 2025-26.

**11. Calendar of Council and Committee Meetings for the 2025-26 Municipal Year (Pages 397 - 414)**

To approve a calendar of meetings for the Council and its committees for the 2025-26 municipal year.

**12. Cabinet's Response to the Improving Lives Select Commission Scrutiny Review - Preparation for Adulthood (Pages 415 - 447)**

To note the Cabinet's response to the Improving Lives Select Commission Scrutiny Review on Preparation for Adulthood.

**13. Appointment to Vacant Committee Seats (Pages 449 - 454)**

To appoint to vacant committee seats.

**14. Audit Committee (Pages 455 - 464)**

To note receipt of the Audit Committee minutes.

**15. Health and Wellbeing Board (Pages 465 - 481)**

To note receipt of the Health and Wellbeing Board minutes.

**16. Licensing Board and Licensing Committee (Page 483)**

To note receipt of the Licensing Board Sub-Committee.

**17. Planning Board (Pages 485 - 487)**

To note receipt of the Planning Board minutes.

**18. Staffing Committee (Pages 489 - 495)**

To receive and consider reports, minutes and recommendations of the Staffing Committee including approving the Pay Policy Statement 2025/26 for publication under Chapter 8 of the Localism Act 2011.

**19. Standards and Ethics Committee (Pages 497 - 501)**

To note receipt of the Standards and Ethics Committee meeting.

**20. Members' Questions to Designated Spokespersons**

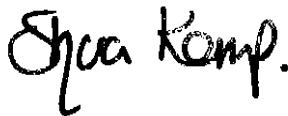
To put questions, if any, to the designated Members on the discharge of functions of the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority and South Yorkshire Pensions Authority, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11(5).

**21. Members' Questions to Cabinet Members and Chairpersons**

To put questions, if any, to Cabinet Members and Committee Chairpersons (or their representatives) under Council Procedure Rules 11(1) and 11(3).

**22. Urgent Items**

Any other public items which the Mayor determines are urgent.



**SHARON KEMP OBE,**  
Chief Executive.

**The next meeting of the Council will be on  
9 April 2025 at 2.00 p.m.**